



## **Metropolitan Council Meeting**

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Robert Street Chambers

4:00 PM

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### Part I - Narrative

#### Attendance:

James Brimeyer, Steven Chávez, Jon Commers, Gary Cunningham, Adam Duininck, Steven Elkins, Rich Kramer, Harry Melander, Jennifer Munt, Edward Reynoso, Sandra Rummel, Lona Schreiber, Roxanne Smith, Gary Van Eyll, Wendy Wulff

Members absent: Susan Haigh, John Đoàn

#### Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, the Chair called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00 p.m. It was moved by Commers, seconded by Chávez to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

#### Minutes

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 22, 2011. Motion carried.

#### Public Invitation

No one asked to address the Council regarding matters not on today's agenda.

### Part II - Exhibits

#### Business

##### *Committee Consent List*

##### 2011-173 Twin Lakes Regional Trail Master Plan, Three Rivers Park District

It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Cunningham,

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Twin Lakes Regional Trail Master Plan (Referral No. 50008-1).
2. Encourage Three Rivers Park District to collaborate with others in multi-jurisdictional funding of the East Segment since more expensive trail design options provide benefits beyond trail users."

Motion carried.

2011-175 Change in scope of Eastman Nature Center development grant SG-2010-102 to maximize use of grant proceeds, Three Rivers Park District

It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Cunningham,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize an amendment to grant SG-2010-102 which changes the scope of the grant by allowing \$1,080,000 of the grant to be used as follows:

\$630,000 for renovating the maintenance shop at Crow Hassan Park Reserve  
\$275,000 to construct additional trails in the western half of Carver Park Reserve  
\$150,000 to plan and design renovation of Medicine Lake Regional Trail \$25,000 to establish a potable water supply system for campground activities at Baker Park Reserve."

Motion carried.

2011-176 2011-2014 TIP Amendment Request from MnDOT for TH 55 Full Depth Reclamation Project (TAB Action 2011-50)

It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Cunningham,

"That the Metropolitan Council concurs with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include MnDOT SP# 2722-81; TH 55 Full Depth Reclamation from Wright/Hennepin County border to west of Hennepin CR 116 (Pinto Drive) in Medina."

Motion carried.

2011-177 Scope Change Request and 2011-2014 TIP Amendment for SouthWest Transit CR 10/TH 212 Park and Ride in Chaska (TAB Action 2011-51)

It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Cunningham,

"That the Metropolitan Council concurs with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to approve the scope change request and adopt the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment for SP# 090-610-001: SouthWest Transit CR 10/TH 212 Park and Ride in Chaska."

Motion carried.

2011-178 Scope Change Request and 2011-2014 TIP Amendment from MnDOT for TH 120/Hudson Road Intersection Improvement (TAB Action 2011-52)

It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Cunningham,

"That the Metropolitan Council concurs with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to approve the scope change request and adopt the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment for MnDOT SP# 6227: redesign of the TH 120/Hudson Road intersection."

Motion carried.

2011-179 2011-2014 TIP Amendment from MnDOT for a Pre-Implementation study for a Priced Managed Lane on I-94 between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul (TAB Action 2011-53)

It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Cunningham,

"That the Metropolitan Council concurs with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP#8816-1438; Pre-Implementation Study for a Priced Managed Lane on I-94."

Motion carried.

2011-180 Authorization to Execute Contract with Egan Company

It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Cunningham,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate a contract with Egan Company in an amount not to exceed \$600,00 for the service, maintenance and installation of Verint Camera systems and Siemens AVL systems over a three year period."

Motion carried.

2011-185 Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with SouthWest Transit

It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Cunningham,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with SouthWest Transit (SWT) for up to \$350,000 for the mid-life rehabilitation of twenty large transit buses."

Motion carried.

*Report of the Transportation Committee*

2011-149 – Transitway Identity and Branding Framework Line Color Recommendations

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Wulff,  
"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the following line names for the Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station-to-station services operating in these transitway corridors:
  - Blue Line – Hiawatha LRT
  - Green Line – Central LRT/Southwest LRT
  - Red Line – Cedar Avenue BRT
  - Orange Line – I-35W BRT

The attached map illustrates the application of these colors names.

2. Confirm that Northstar Commuter Rail retains its existing name and be represented on transitway maps, schedules, kiosks and other materials consistently using a blue and gold striped line.

The attached map illustrates this application. A transitway system map for use by the public will be developed at a later date with approval of the Council.

Adopt a procedure whereby future LRT and Highway BRT station-to-station lines will be assigned a color name upon Council selection of locally preferred alternative (LPA) and adoption into the Transportation Policy Plan."

Motion carried.

2011-181 – Authorization to Execute a Grant Agreement with MVTA

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Wulff,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with MVTA for up to \$1,487,500 for expansion of the Apple Valley Transit Station on Cedar Avenue BRT."

Motion carried.

Councilmember Wulff then made a motion to accept the following amendment:

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute two grant agreements with MVTA for:

- Up to \$1,187,500 for construction of the expansion of the Apple Valley Transit Station and technology improvements on Cedar Avenue BRT; and
- Up to \$300,000 for design and construction administration of the expansion of the Apple Valley Transit Station on Cedar Avenue BRT."

Councilmember Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Report of the Community Development Committee*

2011-172 – LCA Tax Base Revitalization Account Spring Grant Recommendations

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Smith,

"That the Metropolitan Council award 13 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) grants as follows:

Projects recommended for Spring 2011 TBRA funding	Recommended amount
<b>Contamination Site Investigation</b>	
Hastings EDRA – Hudson Manufacturing	\$50,000
Saint Paul – East 7 <sup>th</sup> and Reaney	\$46,500
<b>Contamination Cleanup</b>	
Minneapolis – Lehmann Center (Buzza Building)	\$306,000
Minneapolis – Mill & Main Phase I	\$217,700
Minneapolis – Oak Street Flats	\$34,500
Minneapolis – Precision Building	\$612,500
Minneapolis – University Gateway Phase I	\$79,300
Minnetonka – Cattle Company	\$72,400
Saint Louis Park EDA – Wooddale Pointe	\$70,000
Saint Paul – Pioneer Endicott Building Phase II	\$540,500
Saint Paul – PPL West 7 <sup>th</sup> Housing	\$55,500
Saint Paul – Schmidt Brewery Phase II	\$343,200
White Bear Township – Birch Lake	\$71,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>

Motion carried.

*Report of the Management Committee*

2011-135 – 2011 Unified Operating Budget Amendment

It was moved by Brimeyer and seconded by Kramer, with Cunningham recusing himself from the vote, that,

"The Metropolitan Council amend the 2011 Unified Operating Budget as indicated and in accordance with attached tables."

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

	<b>Yes</b>			<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	Smith	Brimeyer	Commers	Cunningham	Haigh
	Schreiber	Reynoso	Chávez		Đoàn
	Munt	Rummel	Wulff		
	Van Eyll	Melander	Duininck		
	Elkins	Kramer			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

2011-136 – 2011 Unified Capital Program Amendment

It was moved by Brimeyer and seconded by Chávez,

"That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2011 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by adding or subtracting spending authority as follows:

Metro Transit \$ 442,245,368

Metropolitan Transportation Services (\$ 9,388,586)

- Amend the 2011 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing appropriations as follows:

Metro Transit \$ 81,563,902

Metropolitan Transportation Services \$ 681,800."

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

	<b>Yes</b>			<b>Absent</b>
	Smith	Brimeyer	Commers	Haigh
	Schreiber	Reynoso	Chávez	Đoàn
	Munt	Rummel	Wulff	
	Van Eyll	Melander	Duininck	
	Elkins	Kramer	Cunningham	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>			<b>2</b>

2011-189 Legal Services Agreement for Bond Counsel and related legal services; No Budget Impacts

It was moved by Brimeyer and seconded by Elkins,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the General Counsel to execute a legal services agreement for public finance and related public law matters (bond counsel) for a five-year period.

Law firm selected:  
Kennedy & Graven Chartered

Motion carried.

2011-191 Authorization to Implement the Effect of the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Local #203 (Police Supervisors) Interest Arbitration Outcome

It was moved by Brimeyer and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to implement the effect of the interest arbitration award effective for the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2011."

Motion carried.

**Other Business**

2011-192 - Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) Appointment

It was moved Melander and seconded by Chávez,

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Land Use Advisory Committee: **JON COMMERS**—Chair, **G. SCOTT HOKE**—District 1, **TAMI DIEHM**—District 2, **KIM KANG**—District 3, **GREGORY BOE**—District 4 (Carver), **JON ULRICH**—District 4 (Scott), **WILLIAM NEUENDORF**—District 5, **ROBERT SHAFFER**—District 6, **ANDREW HESTNESS**—District 7, **CHIP HALBACH**—District 8, **DAVID ELVIG**—District 9, **AMY IHLAN**—District 10, **PHIL KLEIN**—District 11, **KRISTINA SMITTEN**—District 12, **GEORGE JOHNSON**—District 13, **ELIZABETH WEFEL**—District 14, **ELIZABETH KAUTZ**—District 15, and **KERRIN SWECKER**—District 16."

Motion carried.



## **Information: Update on Transit Public Meetings**

John Levin, Director of Service Development, presented an update on the two recent public meetings held to discuss the fare and schedule changes that may need to occur, depending on the State budget that is approved. There were 189 in attendance at the two meetings and comments were generally positive that we were getting the information out to the public.

Councilmember Elkins commended staff, along with Councilmembers Commers and Duininck, for chairing the meetings. When the public hearings are held, there were requests to hold an additional one in Anoka County. John Levin stated that this has been requested earlier and plans are being made for an additional hearing in Anoka County.

## **Reports**

### *Chair*

No report.

### *Council Members*

Council members reported on recent meetings and events within their districts:

- Councilmember Wulff reported that she toured the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant with Councilmember Doan and attended the TAB bike ride held in Washington County.
- Councilmember Rummel attended the recent Metro Energy Policy Coalition meeting.
- Councilmember Reynoso acknowledged the professionalism held by the City of St. Francis at a recent meeting.
- Councilmember Duininck commended staff on the recent Public Transit hearings and reported on his attendance at the arterial BRT meeting.
- Councilmember Cunningham spoke at the Equity Forum held at the Humphrey Institute and attended the Minneapolis Board of Realtors meeting with Councilmember Elkins.
- Councilmember Elkins attended the CTIB GEARS meeting, the Richfield Planning Commission meeting and the Edina City Council meeting.
- Councilmember Munt reported that the Nice Ride Project has now extended to St. Paul in the CCLRT area.
- Councilmember Smith attended the Dayton City Council meeting and the City of Rogers/Hassan Township meeting.
- Councilmember Melander attended the Washington County Commission meeting.

### *Regional Administrator*

Regional Administrator Pat Born introduced Laurie Nistl, the new Executive Assistant in the Chair's office who will also be the Council's Recording Secretary. Born thanked Dawn Hoffner for her assistance in this position while the hiring took place.

*General Counsel*

No Report.

**Adjournment**


Business completed, a motion was made by Smith and seconded by Schreiber to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**Part III - Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 13, 2011.

Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Hoffner  
Recording Secretary